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For : METHOD OF JUDGING INFLAMMATORY DISEASE BY USING SINGLE  
NUCLEOTIDE POLYMORPHISM IN GALECTIN -2 GENE

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir :

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed July 23, 2009, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Inasmuch as the initial due date for response was set for October 23, 2009, Applicants file with this response a Request for Two-Month Extension of Time and required fee. If any additional fees are necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, the Office is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 19-0089.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment, as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.